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For: SURGICAL DEVICES INCORPORATING  
LIQUID JET ASSISTED TISSUE  
MANIPULATION AND METHODS FOR  
THEIR USE

Examiner: Katherine Marie Dowe

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed June 8, 2011 (Paper No. 20110420), the response date of which is extended to December 8, 2011 by the accompanying Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified U.S. patent application:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the claim listing beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.